

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete listing of claims in this application.

1. (original) An oily pharmaceutical composition based on peroxidised lipids and on silica, characterised in that it contains, as essential constituents, peroxidised lipids which have a degree of peroxidation of between 5 and 600 milli-equivalents per kilogram, and silica which is dispersed within said peroxidised lipids at a concentration by weight of greater than or equal to 0.5% and less than 4%.

2. (original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that it contains 0.5 to 3.5% by weight of silica.

3. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that it contains 0.5 to 2% by weight of silica.

4. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that it is in a form which is compatible with a use as a spray.

5. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that the silica is in a form of colloidal silica.

6. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that its cinematic viscosity upon preparing said composition, measured at 20°C by means of a capillary viscometer, is between 26.6 and 44.4 mm²/s.

7. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that its density is 0.95 ± 10%.

8. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, characterised in that said peroxidised

lipids have a degree of peroxidation of ~~between 5 and 600,~~
~~preferably between 30 and 500, more preferably between 50 and~~
~~300, more preferably between 50 and 150~~ milli-equivalents per
kilogram.

9. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition
according to one of claim 1, characterised in that said
peroxidised lipids comprise, as main constituents, partially
oxidised triglycerides of general formula:

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{CH}_2\text{-O-R} \\ | \\ \text{CH-O-R} \\ | \\ \text{CH}_2\text{-O-R} \end{array}$$

in which the radicals R are partially peroxidised C18
unsaturated acids.

10. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition
according to claim 1, characterised in that said peroxidised
lipids are obtained by peroxidation of lipids or of fats of
natural origin.

11. (currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition
according to claim ~~10~~ 14, characterised in that the natural
oil is selected from the group consisting of sweet almond oil,
hazelnut oil, groundnut oil, maize oil, grapeseed oil, sesame
oil, and safflower oil, and their mixtures.

Claims 12-13 (canceled).

14. (previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition
according to claim 10, wherein the lipids originate from a
natural plant oil.

15. (currently amended) A method for treatment of
xerostomia, comprising the application by spraying in the
mouth a composition comprising peroxidised lipids which have a

degree of peroxidation of between 5 and 600 milli-equivalents per kilogram, ~~and silica which is dispersed within said peroxidised lipids at a concentration by weight of greater than or equal to 0.5% and less than 4%~~ said composition having a viscosity adapted for lining the buccal cavity and tongue.

16. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~15~~ 26, wherein the composition contains 0.5 to 3.5% by weight of silica.

17. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~15~~ 16, wherein the composition contains 0.5 to 2% by weight of silica.

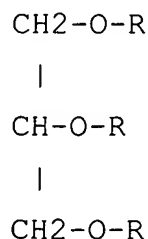
18. (currently amended) A method according to claim ~~15~~ 26, wherein the silica is in a form of colloidal silica.

19. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the composition has a cinematic viscosity upon preparation, measured at 20°C by means of a capillary viscometer, of between 26.6 and 44.4 mm²/s.

21. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the composition has a density of 0.95 ± 10%.

22. (currently amended) A method according to claim 15, wherein the peroxidised lipids have a degree of peroxidation of between 5 30 and ~~600~~ 500 milli-equivalents per kilogram.

23. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein said peroxidised lipids comprise, as main constituents, partially oxidised triglycerides of general formula:



in which the radicals R are partially peroxidised C18 unsaturated acids.

24. (previously presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein said peroxidised lipids are obtained by peroxidation of lipids or of fats of natural origin.

25. (previously presented) A method according to claim 24, wherein the lipids originate from a natural plant oil selected from the group consisting of sweet almond oil, hazelnut oil, groundnut oil, maize oil, grapeseed oil, sesame oil, and safflower oil, and mixtures thereof.

26. (new) A method according to claim 15, wherein the composition contains silica dispersed within said peroxidised lipids at a concentration by weight of greater than or equal to 0.5% and less than 4%.